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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the Title, insert:

-- This is a continuation of Ser. No. 08/737,774, November 25, 1996, pending, which is a 371 of PCT/EP95/04187, Oct. 25, 1995. -- .

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2".

Claim 4, line 1, replace "any preceding claim" by -- claim 1 -- .

Claim 5, line 1, replace "one of claims 1 to 4" by -- claim 1 -- .

Claim 8, line 1, delete "or claim 7".


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies.

Respectfully submitted,

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